AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1, 3, 6 and 7 are amended. Claims 8-14 are added. All pending claims are reproduced below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended): A method of slowing or arresting the flow of blood from ~~an active bleeding~~ ~~site in~~ a bodily tissue comprising:

identifying a bleeding site on a bodily tissue based on blood pooling inside the bleeding site;

positioning the opening of a vacuum cup over the ~~said active~~ bleeding site, wherein the vacuum cup includes an interior cavity;

applying a vacuum to the interior cavity of the vacuum ~~said~~ cup;

maintaining the ~~said~~ vacuum until the flow of blood has arrested or slowed;

releasing the vacuum upon slowing or arresting the blood flow; and

removing the vacuum cup from the ~~said~~ bleeding site after releasing the vacuum.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Currently Amended): The method of Claim 1, wherein the ~~active~~ bleeding site identified is selected from the group consisting of a wound, a rupture and a laceration.

4. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 1, wherein the vacuum cup is formed of a material selected from the group consisting of rubber, plastic, silastic, silicone, and metal.

5. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 1, wherein the vacuum cup is formed of transparent polyethylene material.

6. (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the vacuum is released when the blood flow has slowed and the bleeding site can be further treated.

7. (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the vacuum is released immediately once the blood flow has arrested or slowed.

8. (New): A kit for slowing or arresting the flow of blood from a bleeding site in a bodily tissue comprising:

a vacuum source;

a vacuum cup including an interior cavity, an entrance and a cup lip, wherein the vacuum source applies a vacuum to the interior cavity of the vacuum cup through the cup lip, wherein blood pools on one or both inside the bleeding site and on the cup lip, wherein the vacuum maintains the vacuum cup on the bleeding site until the blood flow has arrested or slowed; and

a vacuum release valve for releasing the vacuum upon slowing or arresting the blood flow, wherein operating the vacuum release valve releases the vacuum, wherein after release of the vacuum the vacuum cup can be removed from the bodily tissue.

9. (New): A method of slowing or arresting the flow of blood from a bleeding site in a bodily tissue comprising:

identifying a bleeding site in a bodily tissue based on the presence of blood pooling on one or both the bleeding site and the bodily tissue;

selecting a vacuum cup, wherein the vacuum cup is of an appropriate size to cover the bleeding site, wherein the vacuum cup includes an opening and an interior cavity;

positioning the opening of the vacuum cup over the bleeding site;

receiving a vacuum source, wherein the vacuum source supplies a vacuum;

applying the vacuum to the interior cavity of the vacuum cup;

maintaining the vacuum until the blood flow has arrested or slowed;

releasing the vacuum upon slowing or arresting of the blood flow; and

removing the vacuum cup from the bodily tissue.

10. (New): The method of claim 8, further comprising a check valve, wherein the check valve allows blood to be drawn away from the cup lip.

11. (New): The method of claim 9, wherein the bleeding site identified includes a site of trauma.

12. (New): The method of claim 9, wherein the bleeding site identified includes a site of hematoma.

13. (New): The method of claim 9, wherein the bleeding site identified includes a site of injury.

14. (New): The method of claim 9, further comprising a check valve.